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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD COMMUNITY LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

**BEAUMONT, TEXAS, May 1, 2006** – Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development, announced a series of Community Leaders Roundtables will be conducted throughout the state of Texas. The conference will provide information to interested community leaders about the various Housing, Community, and Business Programs available through USDA Rural Development and assistance available through other agencies.

A roundtable will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission, 2210 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas. Community leaders and elected officials from Angelina, Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, and Tyler Counties are invited..

The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development Programs, including direct and guaranteed lending opportunities for rural utilities, community facilities, business and cooperatives, and housing. Presentations by the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission, Southeast Texas Resource Conservation and Development, Deep East Texas Council of Governments, Office of the Governor, and Community Resource Group will also be featured.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to making our programs and services available to all rural Texans, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population. Through our support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life for rural Texans,” said Daniel.

Through the numerous programs offered, USDA Rural Development is committed to enhance the quality of life in rural communities by improving the flow of capital to businesses and addressing the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

To learn more about the conference, please call USDA Rural Development in Angleton, Texas, at (979) 849-5251, Ext. 4.

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